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**New Haven, CT, Yale University, Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Osborn a55**

*Description:* 64 leaves - 18th-century full mottled calf, gilt. Spine label reads: Mandevil's travails. - From the collection of John Theyer; from the collection of John Barwick of Charing; ex libris Walter Sneyd; ex libris Sir Thomas Brooke; from the collection of Sir John Arthur Brooke (Sotheby's London sale 25 May 1921, lot 921); from the collection of Sir R. Leicester Harmsworth (Sotheby's London sale 15 October 1945, lot 2023). Purchased from Martayan Lan Rare Books on the James Marshall and Marie-Louise Osborn Fund, 2011.

*Notes:* -Manuscript on parchment of a Middle English text of the Book of Sir John Mandeville, probably related to the "Defective Version." Biblical quotations in Middle English on f63v-f64v. Sir John Mandeville is the suppositious author of the "travel" book known as the Book of Sir John Mandeville, or Mandeville's Travels. Written in the 14th century in Anglo-Norman French, it was widely popular and thought to be an accurate account of a knight's journey through Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

*Number of Parts:* 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

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*Language:* Middle English *Country:* England *Century:* 15th

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**Part 1:**

*Description:* - parchment - 220 x 145 mm.

*Country:* England

*Region:* England

*Assigned Date:* [ca. 1440]

*Dated by scribe:* No

*Document:* No

*Cardinal point:*

*City:*

*Searchable Date Range:* 1440 - 1440

*Inscribed Date:*

*Number of Scribes:*

*Script:* cursive anglicana hand in brown ink; 32 lines per page.

*Notes:* Title supplied by cataloger. Annotation, in a later hand, on f1r: Sir John Mandeville's Travails. Side notes and notation marks in various hands, 15th-17th century. Opening illuminated initial with ivy-leaf sprays into margins and 17 blue initials with extensive red penwork flourishing. Three contemporary or near-contemporary marginal drawings, one with color wash, of manicaula. Binding: 18th-century full mottled calf, gilt. Spine label reads: Mandevil's travails.

*Number of Texts:* 1

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**Text 1:**

*Author:* Mandeville, John Sir.

*Title:* [Sir John Mandeville's travels].

*Title:* Itinerarium. English

*Subjects:* Mandeville, John, Sir.; English prose literature--Middle English, 1100-1500.; Voyages and travels--Early works to 1800.; Manuscripts, Medieval--Connecticut--New Haven.;

*Language(s):* Middle English